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Chapter
Attendance and organization of work

A. Date and place of the Assembly

1. The Second World Assembly on Ageing was held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000. During that period the Assembly held ... plenary meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The following States were represented at the Assembly:

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba

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Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic

Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yemen
Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

3. The following associate members of the United Nations regional commissions were represented by observers:

[*A complete list of the participants will be incorporated in the final report of the Assembly*]

4. The secretariats of the following United Nations regional commissions were represented:

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5. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented:

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6. The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented:

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7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

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8. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the Assembly. The accredited non-governmental organizations are specified in decisions 2001/PC/3 and 2002/PC/1 of the first and second sessions of the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

C. Welcoming ceremony

9. The Secretary-General of the United Nations welcomed Her Royal Highness the Infanta Doña Cristina, Good Will Ambassador to the Second World Assembly on Ageing. Her Royal Highness made a welcoming address to the Assembly.

D. Opening of the Assembly

10. The Assembly was opened, on 8 April 2002, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General made some welcoming remarks.

E. Election of the President and other officers of the Assembly

11. At its 1st, 2nd and ___ plenary meetings, on 8, 10 and ___ April 2002, upon the proposal of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Assembly elected the following officials:

President of the Conference:

H.E. José Maria Aznar, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, was elected President of the Assembly by acclamation.

Vice-Presidents:

African Group of States (seven Vice-Presidents): Algeria, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya and the Republic of South Africa.

Asian Group of States (six Vice-Presidents): China, Republic of Korea, the Philippines, the Syrian Arab Republic, ...

Eastern European Group of States (three Vice-Presidents): Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Ukraine.

Latin American and Caribbean Group of States (five Vice-Presidents): Argentina, Belize, Ecuador, Mexico and Suriname.

Group of Western European and Other States (six Vice-Presidents): Andorra, Austria, Germany, Italy, Malta and Monaco.

Election of the Vice-President ex officio of the Assembly:

H.E. D. Juan José Lucas Giménez, Minister of the Presidency of Spain, was elected, by acclamation, Vice-President ex officio of the Assembly.

Election of the Rapporteur-General:

H.E. Antoine Mifsud Bonnici, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry for Social Policy of Malta, was elected, by acclamation, Rapporteur-General of the Assembly.

Election of the Chairman of the Main Committee:

H.E. Felipe Paolillo of Uruguay was elected, by acclamation, as Chairman of the Main Committee of the Assembly.

F. Adoption of the rules of procedure

12. At its 1st meeting, on 8 April, the Assembly adopted the rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.197/2.

G. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

13. At its 1st meeting, on 8 April, the Assembly adopted the agenda as contained in document A/CONF.197/1 as recommended by the preparatory committee in its resolution contained in document A/CONF.197/3. The agenda, as adopted, was as follows:

Agenda of the Second World Assembly on Ageing

1. Opening of the Assembly.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General exchange of views.
9. Political Declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.
10. Adoption of the report of the Assembly.

H. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee

14. At the 1st meeting, on 8 April, the Assembly approved the organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.197/4.

15. At the same meeting, the Assembly endorsed the proposals contained in document A/CONF.197/4 regarding the exchange of views and the composition of the Bureau of the Main Committee.

16. Also, at the same meeting, the Assembly approved the proposed timetable of work for the Assembly and the organization of meetings, as contained in document A/CONF.197/4.

I. Documentation

17. The documentation of the Assembly will be listed in an annex ___ [*to be completed*].

J. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

18. At its 1st meeting, on 8 April, on the proposal of the President, it was decided that the composition of the Credentials Committee be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session, as follows: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay. With regard to the report of the Credentials Committee, it was the understanding that if one of those States did not participate in the Assembly, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.

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Expression of thanks to the people and the Government of Spain

The Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Having met in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002 at the invitation of the Government of Spain,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, for his outstanding contribution as President of the Second World Assembly on Ageing to the successful outcome of the Conference;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Government of Spain for having made it possible for the World Assembly to be held in Spain and for the excellent facilities, staff and services so graciously placed at its disposal;

3. *Requests* the Government of Spain to convey to the city of Madrid and to the people of Spain the gratitude of the Assembly for the hospitality and warm welcome extended to the participants;

4. *Decides* that the International Plan of Action on Ageing, adopted in Madrid on 12 April 2002, should be entitled "Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing".

* On behalf of the States Members who are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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